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STAT 1. [redacted] Met with Mr. Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and went over with him the early retirement regulations. I pointed out to him that our panel of lawyers has approved this and showed him a copy of their letter to the Director. I also indicated that we have affirmative word both from the Bureau of the Budget and from Russ Blandford of the House Armed Services Committee staff. After review and some questions, Mr. Braswell stated he thought they were appropriate. In view of the fact that Chairman Russell is still in the hospital, Mr. Braswell said it might be some time before we could get a letter. However, he feels sure that neither Senator Russell nor Senator Saltonstall will raise any questions. It was agreed that we would go ahead short of taking final formal action internally.

STAT 2. [redacted] Talked with Carl Marcy, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, with respect to the possibility of Senator Fulbright making a further statement with regard to the Vietnam coup which had been misquoted in the press. Mr. Marcy indicated that with this latest coup possibly the previous situation will be pushed into the background and that now a statement by Senator Fulbright was not necessary. In any event, he will discuss it further with Senator Fulbright and advise.

STAT 3. [redacted] Talked with Senator Dodd mentioning the latest letter from Senator Eastland to Rusk asking certain questions arising out of John F. Reilly's appearance before the Internal Security Subcommittee on 6 August 1963. The Senator remembered that he had put this one to bed at least twice before and indicated we should forget this one.

STAT 4. [redacted] Following the brief talk with Senator Dodd, I talked with Sourwine. After reviewing the questions and pointing out to Sourwine why the Agency wished no responses to be made, Sourwine stated that he believed our reasons were valid and apologized for having incorporated them into the letter saying he should have recognized the reasons on his own. He stated that he would take this up with Senator Eastland. He will advise us further. (It is a fact that Dodd was with Eastland subsequent to the time I saw Dodd and prior to the time I saw Sourwine.)

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